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PSC SETS HEARING SCHEDULE IN NATURAL GAS CASE

Jefferson City (March 11, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold hearings in May in a case filed by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE and Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks-MPS and Aquila Networks-L&P seeking Commission authority to transfer certain natural gas assets from Aquila to AmerenUE.

Aquila is seeking Commission authority to transfer its natural gas distribution system providing service to approximately 4,200 customers in the Rolla, Salem and Owensville areas to AmerenUE.

The joint application states the proposed sale of the system will not be detrimental to the public interest because the sale will not result in any reduced level of service or reliability for those customers presently served by Aquila. According to the application, AmerenUE will integrate the system with its natural gas operations in Missouri.

Hearings are scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. on **May 10, 2004**, in the Commission's offices located in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City. Hearings will continue **through May 11, 2004**, if necessary. The Governor Office Building is a building which meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. If anyone needs additional accommodations to participate in this proceeding, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearings.

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